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## **PRESCRIBED FIRE PROJECT**

**Driggs, ID:** The Teton Basin Ranger District plans to burn the Darby Unit in the Hill and Darby Creek area on the Teton Mountain Range. Ignition is expected to take one day and may begin as soon as Tuesday October 28, 2008 at 1100 pending weather conditions and approval from the State for smoke management. If weather conditions do not allow for ignition the Forest Service will continue to monitor for an extended clear weather pattern that will meet the combination of fuel moisture, temperature, wind, and smoke dispersal conditions necessary for a successful prescribed burn.

**As such, on the actual day of ignition orange highway signs will be posted between Victor & Driggs and at the entrance to Darby Canyon to inform residents & visitors of the planned ignition that day.**

The project is east of Driggs, Idaho and south of Alta, Wyoming on the south aspect of the Darby Canyon drainage. The legal description of the burn is T. 43 N. R. 118 W., sections 14-18, 20 & 21. The planned burn unit is approximately 1,700-acres, 750 of which are planned for ignition during the timeframes mentioned above. Smoke will be visible from Highway 33 between Driggs and Victor Idaho but may also be visible from the Jackson Hole and Grand Teton National Park areas as well.

The majority of the burn unit is grass and mountain brush with Douglas-fir/Aspen stringers in the draws and ridges. Wyoming Department of Game and Fish, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Department of Agriculture and Caribou-Targhee National Forest cooperated in the development of this burn project which is intended to rejuvenate mountain brush and aspen which will improve wildlife habitat in the area.

The Forest Service may need to restrict travel on the Darby Canyon road, and Wind Cave trail for 4-6 hours on the day of ignition due to expected helicopter traffic.

For more information, contact the Teton Basin Ranger District office at 208-354-2312.

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